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## COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Issues a Call for a Primary Election to be Held on Saturday, September 23, 1905.

### WILL VOTE FOR CHOICE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

In response to a call issued by Chairman S. L. Peeler, the County Democratic Executive Committee met here Monday with a full attendance. J. M. McKenzie was elected a member of the committee from the ninth district to succeed O. G. Perkins, resigned.

The committee decided to hold a primary election Saturday, September 23, 1905, to nominate candidates for county offices. A motion to this effect was made by A. C. McRae and adopted.

The committee also adopted rules governing the primary election, and appointed officers, judges and clerks for holding the same.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted to hold a primary election at the same time in order to give the people of Benton County an opportunity to express their choice for United States Senator.

#### PRIMARY ELECTION RULES.

"Be it resolved, by the Democratic committee of Benton County, Tennessee—

"(1) That a primary election be now called, to be held on Saturday the 23rd day of September, 1905, in all the voting precincts of said county, the polls opening at 9.00 p. m. and closing at 4.00 p. m. of said day, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for each of the following offices of said county, to-wit: County court clerk, circuit court clerk, sheriff, trustee, and register.

"(2) That all male citizens of Benton County who are 21 years of age, or who will be 21 years of age at the regular August election, 1906, and who are known to be Democrats and are not known Republicans, shall be entitled to vote in said primary.

"(3) That said primary election be held in each civil district at the precinct by three judges, two clerks and an officer, to be appointed by this committee.

"(4) That said officers shall provide ballot boxes into which the votes shall be placed by said officers holding said election, and they shall keep two poll lists of all parties voting in said election and two tally sheets of all votes cast in the same, and after the close of the polls and the counting of said votes certify to the same, seal up and deliver to the chairman of this committee not later than 12 o'clock on Monday, the 2d day of October, 1905, who shall deliver the same securely sealed to the meeting of this committee at 1.00 o'clock on Monday, the 2d day of October, 1905, when said returns shall be opened and canvassed in the presence of this committee.

"(5) That in said primary election the persons or candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast in said election shall be declared the nominee of the Democratic party for the office for which he received the highest number of votes. In case of a tie vote the committee shall order another primary election and let the candidates so tying run the race off and determine who shall be the nominee under such rules and regulations as this committee may adopt.

"(6) That before entering upon the discharge of their duties as officers of said election, they shall take an oath before the officer hold-

ing said election to honestly and faithfully discharge their duties and make a true return of the votes cast in their respective precincts.

"(7) That no person except candidates shall be permitted to vote in any precinct except the one in which he lives.

"(8) That the tickets used in said election shall be such as are required by law in legal elections, and the same to be furnished by the candidates.

"(9) That when this committee meets to canvass the returns and if it shall appear to said committee that these rules have been flagrantly violated and parties permitted to vote who are not entitled to vote under these rules, the said illegal votes cast may be excluded by this committee from the canvass and not counted."

#### RESOLUTIONS.

"Whereas, it is a cardinal principle of the Democratic party that all power is inherent in the people—that the people are supreme and that the majority should rule, and that all officials are public servants and should be, and are, held accountable to the people; and,

"Whereas, the Democratic party of Tennessee has declared through its representatives, both in convention and the legislature, in favor of the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people, and we believing that a general primary would be more in accord with the tenets of the party than any other method we could adopt under our Constitution, and the candidates for United States Senator having declared for a primary to determine the people's choice for that position, but there appearing to be some opposition to a general primary by influential Democrats throughout the State, and it being doubtful as to whether or not the State Democratic Executive Committee will take action in the matter and call a general primary for that purpose, thus leaving it to the people to act for themselves in such manner as may seem best; and,

Whereas, a primary election would be the most satisfactory method to the Democracy of Benton County in determining their choice for this position; and believing that the race for United States Senator should not be mixed with or influenced by the gubernatorial or legislative races, but should be as far removed from such entanglements as is expedient in order that a fair, free, and untrammelled expression of the people may be had; and,

"Whereas, the question of the expense of such a primary has been raised, and the Democracy of Benton County being willing to assume and bear this expense, and a primary election for county officers of Benton County having this day been called by this committee to be held in said county upon the 23rd day of September, 1905; and,

"Whereas, a primary election could be held upon said date by the same officers as said county primary is held, to determine the choice of the Democracy of Benton County for United States Senator without additional expense or trouble; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by this committee

that a primary election for United States Senator be, and the same is hereby, ordered to be held in the county of Benton on the 23rd day of September, 1905; be it further

"Resolved, that the tickets used in said primary election shall have printed on them, in addition to the county officers, as already provided for by this committee, at the bottom of said tickets the words 'Choice for United States Senator;' be it further

"Resolved, that the same rules and regulations applicable to the candidates for the county officers, as adopted by this committee, shall apply to the race for United States Senator."

#### EVA.

Special correspondence.]

Rain is badly needed in this section.

John Lee was at Paris one day last week.

Miss Vina Melton is reported no better.

Chills are on the increase in this community.

Elias Melton has departed for Rushing's Creek.

Buron McKelvy has moved to Eva to make his home.

J. L. Browning will soon complete his new dwelling.

M. L. Holland and family visited near Big Sandy Sunday.

Will Pafford, one of our good citizens, has moved to Camden.

The barn raising at Callie Holland's last week was well attended.

A. L. Boswell and Ferris Stockdale have joined the bridge gang.

Lucian Davis and Dorsey Hollingsworth spent last Sunday with Henry Farmer.

If not providentially hindered Wyly Sykes will probably catch up with fishing next week.

We had a slight wreck here last Friday. A. W. Lashlee was loading a car with logs, and just as No. 16, a west-bound freight, was approaching the standards gave way, throwing the logs on the main track. The engine was derailed, but no serious damage. The front brakeman and fireman jumped from the train and were slightly injured. Vonie McKelvy was on the logs at the time, and had a narrow escape.

Eva, August 8.

#### BREVARD.

Regular correspondence.]

Dick Smith of Paducah, Ky., was here yesterday.

G. T. Coble of Birmingham, Ala., visited here yesterday.

A. E. Daniel of Daniel's Landing was here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker of Lankford are here on a visit.

Mrs. Etta Ridings of Newborn is visiting in this community.

Celia, little daughter of R. L. Walker is very sick with the fever.

Everybody is through with their crops and are engaged in hauling ties.

Clint Daniel of Daniel's Landing has accepted a position as clerk with J. D. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cain of McIlwain visited the latter's mother and Mrs. W. D. Townsend Sunday.

Miss Ruby Fry entertained a number of young folks Saturday evening, which was greatly enjoyed. Ice cream and cake were served.

BREVARD, August 8.

Mrs. M. A. Potts and children of East Prairie, Mo., will spend the remainder of the summer here with relatives and friends.



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